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We have learned that Raised Bill 467 would promote Lean Government in Connecticut. As a private business currently on our own Lean Enterprise journey we applaud this step. We have learned that facilitation of this project must be done by CONNSTEP and the Department of Labor, and that the only way a private entity Lean Consulting Group could provide services to the State is through volunteering and with no compensation. This raises two concerns:

1. CONNSTEP receives Federal funds through MEP (Manufacturing Extension Program) and by law these funds are to be used for; the objective of the NIST Manufacturing Technology Centers (MEP) to enhance productivity and technological performance in United States manufacturing, asking them to now support the State Government Lean initiatives is not part of the CONNSTEP program objective and would be a conflict of interest and impact their ability to support manufacturers in Connecticut.
2. Using only CONNSTEP and Department of Labor for Lean facilitation with the many State Agencies, it would create an overburden on these organizations and create inefficiencies with other services they provide, which is an unacceptable outcome.

We ask that you push for a Lean Connecticut State Government, but that careful consideration is given to how this program is facilitated. We support the current process put in place by Governor Rell and the Department of Administrative Services Lean Bid Proposal they recently announced trying to find the best Lean Service providers for the Connecticut State Agencies, which was open to bid on by private entities and also state and federal funded organizations. Raised Bill 467, does not allow for the State agencies to have the best possible Lean support and training available at the best value, which is anti-lean. Please do not vote in favor of Raised Bill 467.

Sincerely,

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